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SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF FOREIGN STATEMEN'S VISITS TO USSR

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1. CAIRO MENA'S JULY 10 REPORT THAT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMI'S SCHEDULED JULY 15 VISIT TO MOSCOW HAD
BEEN POSTPONED AT SOVIET REQUEST UNTIL OCTOBER IS THE
THIRD SUCH POSTPONEMENT WITHIN A WEEK, WITH PAK PRESIDENT
BHUTTO'S JULY 8 VISIT POSTPONED AT SOVIET REQUEST JULY 4
UNTIL OCTOBER, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S REQUEST
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FOR MOSCOW VISIT JULY 15 REJECTED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS ON

EVE OF MALIK'S DEPARTURE IN FAVOR OF NOVEMBER-DECEMBER DATE.

2. SOVIET EXPLANATIONS OF CROWDED LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE ARE TRUE. IN ADDITION TO JUST CONCLUDED SUMMIT, PODGORNÝ IS VISITING SOMALIA, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER IS TO BE IN MOSCOW JULY 11-13, BREZHNEV SCHEDULED TO VISIT POLAND JULY 19, A CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION SEEMS LIKELY PRIOR TO SUPREME SOVIET CONVOCATION JULY 25, AND AUGUST IS SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S TRADITIONAL VACATION MONTH WHEN THEY USUALLY COMBINE REST IN CRIMEA WITH INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER WITH EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST LEADERS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS SOVIETS WOULD BE KEEN TO SEE FAHMI NOW (THIS NOT LIKELY IN CASE OTHER TWO VISITORS) AND GET SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS ON ROAD TO IMPROVEMENT. UNLESS SOME NEW SNAG HAS DEVELOPED IN MOSCOW'S RELATIONS WITH CAIRO, INDISPOSITION OF PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV MAY BE MAIN CAUSE UNDERLYING DELAY OF THESE VISITS.

4. LACKING BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WE CANNOT TOTALLY DISCARD POSSIBILITY THAT FAHMI POSTPONEMENT INITIATED BY EGYPTIAN SIDE DUE TO FAHMI DESIRE MEET TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON IN CAIRO.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF OTHER TWO VISITS EASILY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. SOVIETS WERE SURELY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RECEIVING BHUTTO SO SOON AFTER DAOUD VISIT AND MAY HOPE THAT IMMEDIATE PAK DIFFICULTY OVER COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WILL BE EASED WITH PASSAGE OF PERIOD OF TIME. WHILE DATES OF GANDHI'S VISIT HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, THIS VISIT MAY WELL OCCUR BEFORE MID-OCTOBER THUS ALLOWING SOV-INDIAN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO BHUTTO'S RESCHEDULED VISIT. REGARDING MALIK'S APPARENT SELF-INVITATION TO VISIT MOSCOW, SOVIET CROWDED SCHEDULE SEEM PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR REJECTION OF VISIT AT THIS TIME.

6. POSTS ARE INVITED TO SEND ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION THEY MAY ACQUIRE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER
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